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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, ETRD, LE

SUBJECT: EXIM BANK FINANCING FOR LEBANON

REF: A) BEIRUT 929; B) STATE 42729

1. BELIEVE EXIM BANK MAY BE GEARING UP FOR SMALL MISSION TO BEIRUT FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. HOWELL RECEIVED PHONE CALL MARCH 7 FROM BANK OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY AND TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON SECURITY SITUATION IN BEIRUT FOR USE IN BOLSTERING PROPOSAL WITHIN BANK CIRCLES.

2. HOWELL PROVIDED ORAL REVIEW OF SECURITY SITUATION, INCLUDING RECENT VISITS BY IMF AND WORLD BANK TEAMS. HE ENCOURAGED THIS EXIM INITIATIVE AND INDICATED THAT PROPOSED  
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THREE-MAN TEAM COULD DOUBTLESS BE ACCOMMODATED DURING BRIEF VISIT IN CHANCERY. WE ALSO PROVIDED EXIM WITH NAME OF IMF TEAM HEAD SO THAT CONTACTS COULD BE ESTABLISHED.

3. WE NOTE YOUR INTENTION (REFTEL A) TO SEND A FURTHER CABLE ON SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE EXIM FINANCING FOR LEBANON IN NEAR FUTURE. SUGGEST IT MAY BE TIMELY TO RAISE IN MESSAGE

THE DESIRABILITY OF SENDING SMALL EXIM TEAM, ADDING A FEW  
SOOTHING WORDS ABOUT BEIRUT SECURITY SITUATION.  
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